

Subject: Re: Sepulveda sidewalks

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Date: 02/07/2014 05:16 PM

To: Nate Kaplan <nate.kaplan@lacity.org>

CC: Lance Oishi <lance.oishi@lacity.org>, Don Duckworth

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Hi Nate,

Here is the requested information for the Westchester Streetscape Improvement Project (Maxine Waters project).

As Lance had noted, the **only** reason why the City is doing this sidewalk reconstruction work is because we've received special funds from an outside revenue source to do so; that **none of this work** is being funded by some sort of budgeted City sidewalk repair program.

The other thing to note is that we anticipate to start the construction of this project by July 2014, so no new sidewalk has been installed yet nor have we installed any of the replacement trees.

1. Length of sidewalk to be reconstructed: Approximately 1900 linear feet (approx. 0.32 miles)
2. Project location: The west side of Sepulveda Boulevard between 80th Street and 84th Place.
3. Quantity & types of trees removed: 16 Ficus nitida (Indian Laurel Fig) + 4 smaller Calistemon viminalis (Bottle brush) trees were removed from the sidewalk areas by Westchester Streetscape Association in anticipation of this project.
4. Quantity & types of replacement trees: 27 Koelreuteria bipinnata (Chinese Flame Tree) and 14 Handroanthus impetiginosus (Pink Trumpet Tree)
5. Canopy size of the new trees at maturity: 20' - 25' for the Chinese Flame Tree, and 25' - 30' for the Pink Trumpet Tree
6. Cost of the Project: \$980,000
7. Who Paid for the Project: Project funding comes from the Federal grant funds.

Vahik (213)485-4652

On Thu, Feb 6, 2014 at 1:09 PM, Nate Kaplan <nate.kaplan@lacity.org> wrote:

Hey guys,

LA Times is going to write a story about our sidewalks.

Lance, can you answer these questions for Safe Routes Project?

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Vahik, can you answer these for the Maxine Waters project.

Don, can you answer these for the rest of Sepulveda?

We obviously need to be as accurate as possible.

-Nate

ps- David is our communications director who will respond to the LA Times

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From: **Zahniser, David** <David.Zahniser@latimes.com>

Date: Thu, Feb 6, 2014 at 11:54 AM

Subject: Sepulveda sidewalks

To: david grahamcaso <david.grahamcaso@lacity.org>

Hey there David,

I remember last year there was a story on sidewalks being fixed in Sepulveda. I'm wondering if you could tell me:

How many miles were fixed?

Where was the location of the fixes?

How many trees were removed?

What type of trees were removed?

How many replacement trees were planted?

What type of trees were planted?

What is the size of canopy of the new trees?

What was the cost of the project?

Who paid for the project?

Also, were there any other large scale sidewalk repair projects in CD11 that I haven't heard of?

Dave Z

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